

## OPINION 1318

(OPINION CORRECTING THE RULING GIVEN IN OPINION 92)

*LACERTA VELOX* PALLAS, 1771 IS THE TYPE SPECIES OF  
*EREMIAS* WIEGMANN, 1834 (REPTILIA)

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers, all designations of type species hitherto made for the nominal genus *Eremias* Wiegmann, 1834 are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Lacerta velox* Pallas, 1771 is hereby designated as the type species of that genus.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Eremias* Wiegmann, 1834 (gender: feminine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Lacerta velox* Pallas, 1771 (Name Number 432);
- (b) *Ommateremias* Lantz, 1928 (gender: feminine), type species, by original designation, *Lacerta arguta* Pallas, 1773 (Name Number 2260).

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *velox* Pallas, 1771, as published in the binomen *Lacerta velox* (specific name of type species of *Eremias* Wiegmann, 1834) (Name Number 2962);
- (b) *arguta* Pallas, 1773, as published in the binomen *Lacerta arguta* (specific name of type species of *Ommateremias* Lantz, 1928) (Name Number 2963).

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1172

In February 1957 the late Mr Francis Hemming (then Secretary to the Commission) discovered an error in the ruling given in Opinion 92. That ruling gave *Lacerta velox* Pallas, 1771 as type species of *Eremias* Wiegmann, 1834; but Fitzinger, 1843, *Syst. Rept.* p. 21, had validly designated *Lacerta variabilis* Pallas, 1811 as type species. He therefore sought advice from several sources but received no clear indication of a course to follow. Accordingly, when the first instalment of the Official Lists in book form was being compiled in 1958, the case of *Eremias* was deferred.

In December 1980, Mr A. F. Stimson (*British Museum (Natural History)*, London) kindly examined an application prepared in the Secretariat. This was sent to the printer on 24 February 1981 and published on 30 November 1981 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, pp. 283–284. The possible use of the plenary powers in the case was announced in the same part of the

*Bulletin* and was sent to the statutory serials as well as to seven general and three herpetological serials. No comment was received.

### DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 September 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)47 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, pp. 283–284. At the close of the voting period on 13 December 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty (20) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Brinck, Hahn, Mroczkowski, Schuster, Willink, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Alvarado, Kraus, Ride, Corliss, Bayer, Heppell, Dupuis, Binder

Negative Votes — none (0).

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Halvorsen, Lehtinen and Savage.

### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*arguta*, Lacerta, Pallas, 1773, *Reise Russland*, vol. 2, p. 718

*Eremias* Wiegmann, 1834, *Herpetol. Mexic.* (1), p. 9

*Ommateremias* Lantz, 1928, *Bull. Mus. Géorgie* (4) p. 2

*velox*, Lacerta, Pallas, 1771, *Reise Russland*, vol. 1, p. 457.

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)47 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1318.

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*London*

*23 January 1985*